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Submitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the
[X] continuation patent application

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For: AN IMPROVED SYNTHETIC PANEL AND METHOD

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:
Serial No. 09/322,268, filed May 28, 1999. Copending patent application Serial No. 09/322,268 was a continuation patent application of patent application having Serial No. 09/003,747, filed Jan. 7, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,943,775. Patent application having Serial No. 09/003,747 was a continuation-in-part of patent application having Serial No. 08/556,265, filed Nov. 13, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,842,276.

Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: This is a continuation patent application of copending patent application having Serial No. 09/322,268, filed May 28, 1999. Copending patent application Serial No. 09/322,268 was a continuation patent application of patent application having Serial No. 09/003,747, filed Jan. 7, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,943,775. Patent application having Serial No. 09/003,747 was a continuation-in-part of patent application having Serial No. 08/556,265, filed Nov. 13, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,842,276. Benefit of all earlier filing dates is hereby claimed with respect to all common subject matter.

Enclosed are:

- [X] 59 page(s) of specification
[X] 16 page(s) of claims
[X] 1 page of Abstract
[X] 26 sheet(s) of [] formal [X] informal drawing(s).
[X] An assignment of the invention to QB TECHNOLOGY (as previously filed)
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